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TAGS: ETRD, JAN XE

SUB: SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES' FAR EAST TALKS

REF: STATE 187337

1. SUMMARY: DURING LUNCH BY AMBASSADOR GREENWALD
FOR SENATE STAFF LOWENSTEIN AND MOOSE, SIR CHRISTOPHER
SOAMES AND WELLENSTEIN REPORTED ON HIGHLIGHTS OF
THEIR ASIAN TRIP, PARTICULARLY JAPANESE REACTION TO
"YEAR OF EUROPE" ACTIVITY AND ASEAN TALKS. END SUMMARY.

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2. SOAMES REPORTED THAT LARGE PART OF BILATERAL EC-JAPANESE TALKS DEVOTED TO JAPANESE AGNONIZING OVER "YEAR OF EUROPE" ISSUE. OHIRA SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME WITH SOAMES EXAMINING PROBLEM FROM EVERY ANGLE. EXPECTATIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED BUT CHOICES FOR THE JAPANESE. ARE DIFFICULT IF THEY SHOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER ASSOCIATING WITH DECLARATION WHICH CONTAINS ATLANTIC, POLITICAL OR SECURITY REFERENCES. SOAMES ATTEMPTED TO REASSURE THEM BUT APPARENTLY UNCERTAINTIES RUN DEEP ON THESE ISSUES. JAPANESE DESCRIBED TEXTS THEY HAVE SEEN AND TRIED OUT VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS FOR SOAMES COMMENT. CONTRARY TO CERTAIN PRESS REPORTS SOAMES SAYS HE DID NOT PROMISE OR SUGGEST "TRILATERAL MECHANISM" WHICH WE GATHERED SOAMES COULD NOT OR DID NOT WISH TO SELL TO MEMBER STATES.

3. ON ASEAN (REF STATE 187337) WELLENSTEIN, WHO IS AN OLD INDONESIA HAND, SAID HOW PLEASED THEY WERE TO FIND SUCH A FEELING OF SOLIDARITY AMONG FIVE-- THAILAND, PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, MALYSIA AND SINGAPORE. THEIR PREPARATIONS WERE SOLID. INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY LISTS OF PRODUCTS HAD BEEN PREPARED WITH REQUESTS FOR CONSIDERATION EITHER UNDER GSP OR THE GATT MTN. MUCH TO SURPRISE OF EC DEL, ASEAN'S ASKED PERMISSION TO INVITE THEIR SEA NEIGHBORS. FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE MEETINGS. REPRESENTATIVES OF GVN, CAMBODIA AND LAOS ATTENDED--BURMESE DID NOT ALTHOUGH INVITED TOO. ACCCORDING TO WELLENSTEIN NO CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO PREFERENTIAL ARRANGEMENTS. GREENWALD

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